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INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE

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FOREIGN MINISTER IS CALLING ME IN TOMORROW, MARCH 15, AT 10:30 A.M. LOCAL TIME TO DISCUSS CARGO PREFERENCE ISSUE.

BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE OF SHIPPING TO NORWAY, SERIOUS IMPACT U.S. OIL CARGO PREFERENCE WILL HAVE ON U.S./NORWEGIAN RELATIONS, AND INCREASING PUBLICITY PREFERENCE LEGISLATION IS RECEIVING IN NORWAY, DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO CABLE ASAP FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE:

1. MAIN POINTS AND INFORMATION ON BILLS INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS ON PREFERENCE, ESPECIALLY MURPHY BILL;

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- 2. LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE AND PROSPECTS FOR THESE BILLS;
- 3. ADMINISTRATIONS'S POSITION ON PREFERENCE BILLS.
- 4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ANY STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT CARTER DURING ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND SUBSEQUENTLY RELATED TO CARGO PREFERENCES. (NORWEGIAN SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND PRESS

HAVE REFERRED TO A LETTER PRESIDENT CARTER OR HIS ELECTION COMMITTEE SENT TO CALHOON OF THE MARINE ENGINEERS BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION (MEBA) STATING CARTER'S COMMITMENT, IF ELECTED, TO PURSUE A "NATIONAL CARGO POLICY FOR THE U.S.")

- 5. U.S. ANALYSIS OF EFFECTS OF PREFERENCE BILL ON NORWEGIAN AND OTHER OECD SHIPPING AND SHIP BUILDING;
- 6. PRESS GUIDANCE FOR ANSWERING INQUIRIES RE PREFERENCE LEGISLATION. WOULD APPRECIATE TRANSMISSION BY IMMEDIATE CABLE OF AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF ABOVE INFO BY COB MARCH 15 OSLO TIME. ANDERS

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